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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE

TO REVIEW THE STANDING ORDERS AND FORMS OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

NOVEMBER, 1974

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE

(FROM "VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA", OCTOBER 25, 1974)

MOVED BY MR. HYNDMAN:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a special committee of this Assembly be established, consisting of:

Mr. Appleby (Chairman)
Mr. Cookson
Mr. Cooper
Mr. Hyndman
Mr. King
Mr. Speaker

with instructions to review the Standing Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, and to make recommendations concerning their suitability, in a report to this Assembly prior to prorogation of the Third Session of the Seventeenth Alberta Legislature.

The motion was agreed to.

To the Honourable Gerard Amerongen,
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
of the Province of Alberta

The Special Select Committee of the Assembly, established by resolution of the Assembly on October 25, 1974, herewith submits its report and recommendations for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

Frank Appleby

Frank Appleby, M.L.A.
Chairman

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APPENDIX

AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS AND FORMS OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

1. The Standing Orders and Forms of Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, received and concurred in by the Assembly on December 11, 1973, are hereby amended.

2. Standing Order 5 is amended by striking out subsection (1) and by substituting the following:

   5. (1) If at the hour of 5.30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, the business of the Assembly is not concluded, Mr. Speaker leaves the chair until 8.00 p.m. unless, on the oral motion of the Government House Leader made before 5.30 p.m., the Assembly is adjourned until the next sitting day.

3. Standing Order 8 is amended by adding the following subsections after subsection (3):

   (4) If a motion, other than a Government motion, is moved after 5.10 p.m. on a Tuesday or after 4.10 p.m. on a Thursday and is not voted upon during the same day, it shall retain its place on the Order Paper for the next succeeding Thursday or Tuesday, as the case may be.

   (5) If a motion is made after 5.10 p.m. on a Thursday for second reading of a Public Bill (other than a Government Bill) and the motion is not voted upon during the same day, the Bill shall retain its place on the Order Paper for the next succeeding Tuesday and Thursday.

4. Standing Order 22 is amended by striking out the words "In a debate a member" and by substituting the words "A member".

5. Standing Order 35 is amended by striking out subsections (2) and (3) and by substituting the following:

(2) Responses to questions and returns ordered by the Assembly shall be tabled in two copies with a third copy being given to the member asking the question or moving the motion for the return and a fourth copy being given to the Leader of the Opposition.

(3) Documents presented to the Assembly by a member for the information of members may be

(a) tabled if accompanied by sufficient copies for distribution to all members, or

(b) filed with the Clerk for placement in the Legislature Library, in which case the member presenting the document shall, if it is practicable to do so, furnish an additional copy to the Leader of the Opposition.

6. Standing Order 55 is amended by adding the following subsections after subsection (2):

(3) All documents which come into the possession of a committee or which come into existence in the course of the conduct of the business and affairs of the committee belong to the committee before it reports to the Assembly and belong to the Assembly after the committee reports to the Assembly, subject to

(a) any directions of the committee as to their disposal, and

(b) any directions of the Speaker acting on an order of the Assembly.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), where a committee does not report to the Assembly before the dissolution of the Legislature, all documents which came into the possession of the committee or which came into existence in the course of the conduct of the business and affairs of the committee belong to the Assembly upon the dissolution subject to

(a) any directions of the committee as to their disposal, and

(b) any directions as to their disposal contained in any resolution or order of the Assembly.

7. Standing Order 77 is amended by striking out subsection (1) and by substituting the following:

77. (1) The petitioner shall publish a notice of the application

(a) in two consecutive issues of The Alberta Gazette, and

(b) once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in Alberta,

commencing not earlier than eight weeks before the opening day of the session of the Legislature at which the petition is to be presented.

8. Standing Order 99 is amended by striking out subsection (1) and by substituting the following:

99. (1) Copies of the Alberta Hansard will be made available at no charge as follows:

(a) each member of the Assembly shall receive two copies daily and one bound volume after the conclusion of the session;

(b) the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition shall each receive an additional five copies;

(c) Deputy Ministers of departments of the public service shall receive not more than five copies for the use of their departments;

(d) the Queen's Printer, the Provincial Archivist, and such officers of the Assembly, libraries and news media representatives as Mr. Speaker may determine shall each receive one copy.

9. Standing Orders 105, 106 and 107 are struck out and the following is substituted therefor:

105. The Legislature Library shall be operated in accordance with the directions of Mr. Speaker in consultation with the Members' Services Committee.

10. Chapter 10 is struck out and the following is substituted:

CHAPTER 10

REPEAL OF PREVIOUS STANDING ORDERS

106. All Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta heretofore made are repealed.

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